7. Pearia
8. Hanuman
9. Sis Ram Halwai

No case has so far been registered as the matter is *sub-judice*.

CBI action against a retired Lt. General

3581. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation had failed to arrest a retired Lieutenant General on alleged espionage charges;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the CBI raided the house of Shri Vinod Khanna, Chairman of Concord International Private Limited, in Golf Links, New Delhi, in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A case under section 120-B IPC read with section 3|5 of the Official Secrets Act was registered at R.C. No 1|88-SIU I in CBI on 1-1-1988 against Lt. General (Retd.) Nirmal Puri and Mr. Vinod Khanna, Chairman of M|s. Concord International (P) Ltd. On 5-1-1988, the CBI conducted searches of certain premises including the residences of both the persons. A large volume of documents were seized during the searches and these documents are under scrutiny and verification. No arrests have been made so far.

Ananda Ram Committee/Commission

3582. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) for what purpose the Ananda Ram Committee|Commission was appointed and when it was appointed;

(b) what progress it has made during these three years and how much expenditure has been incurred on it as yet;

(c) what facilities have been provided to the Chairman of the Commission; and

(d) what was the time schedule fixed for it; how many extensions have been granted to it and what is the final time-schedule for it now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Special Investigation Team headed by Shri S. Anandaram, IPS, was set up on 15 November, 1984 to investigate exclusively the case relating to the assassination of Smt. Indira Gandhi.

(b) The case against the 3 accused has since been decided by the trial Court as well as by the Delhi High Court. The appeal preferred by the accused is now being heard by the Supreme Court. Upto the end of February, 1988, a sum of Rs. 110.50 lakhs has been spent on the Special Investigation Team.

(c) No special facilities have been provided to Shri Anandaram except that he was designated as Special Commissioner of Police in the rank of Director General.

(d) No time schedule was fixed for the work of the Special Investigation Team. Its term has however, been extended five times so far and the last extension has been granted upto the 31 December, 1988.

Smuggling by CSI vessels

3583. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vessels belonging to the Shipping Corporation of India have been found carrying smuggled goods while plying on certain routes between West Asia and India and between Singapore and Malaysia and India; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such cases and the action taken by Government against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reports received from the Customs authorities at Kandla, Bombay, Goa, Cochin, Madras, Vishakhapatnam and Calcutta indicate that contraband goods worth Rs. 24 lakhs approximately were seized in 51 cases (the figures are provisional) during the calendar year 1987, from such vessels. In some cases the crew members involved have also been identified.

Apart from confiscation of the contraband goods, the crew members involved are penalised in departmental adjudications and their names forwarded to the Shipping Corporation of India for disciplinary action. In suitable cases the persons involved are also arrested and prosecuted in a Court of law.

Malpractices in the General Insurance Industry

3584. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has detected certain malpractices in the General Insurance Industry in regard to fraudulently back-dating post-accident insurance; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to curb such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) A few cases of suspected anti-dating of insurance covers were brought out in the annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission for the year 1986. Apart from initiating follow-up action in respect of these cases, the general insurance industry has also tightened up the prescribed procedures, so as to curb such malpractices, in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission. These procedures have come into effect from 1st November, 1987.

Filing of income-tax returns by a Trust in Bombay

3585. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vithaldas Madhavji Khakhar and Tapulal Chakubha Bhammer Trust, Bombay has been dissolved and if so, whether the letter of dissolution has been submitted to the Central Government;

(b) whether the above Trust is filing their regular income-tax returns and if not, the reasons therefor and action taken against the trustees of the above Trust; and

(c) what are the names of the trustees and beneficiaries of the above Trust and what are the details of income-tax returns filed during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Trust is carrying on warehousing business under the name of M/s. Western India Warehousing Corporation.

(b) The trust is filing it's returns of income regularly.

(c) (i) The Trust Deed shows the following four trustees at the inception of the Trust:

(1) Shri V. M. Khakhar
(2) Shri Tapulal Bhammer
(3) Shri B. M. Kher
(4) Shri Kishore Khakhar

(ii) After the death of the sole surviving Trustee Shri Kishore Khakhar, the present trustees are:

(1) Kumari Usha Mehta
(2) Shri Mahendrabhai Thakkar

(iii) Names of the beneficiaries appearing in the Income Tax returns for assessment year 1987-88 are:

(1) Shri V. M. Khakhar (HUF)
(2) Shefali K. Dhakhar